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Application for Glaucoma Certification

Fee: \$35.00

Authority: Business and Professions Code § (BPC) 3041(f)(5) and
 California Code of Regulations (CCR) §1571

**** You must have a current California Optometrist License and have a Therapeutic
 Pharmaceutical Agent (TPA) Certification to be eligible for Glaucoma Certification***

Name:	License #:	School/College Graduation Date:
Principal Place of Practice Address:	Phone #:	
City:	State:	Zip:
E-mail Address:		
<p>Please indicate the following:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I graduated from an accredited school/college of optometry <u>after</u> May 1, 2000. Requirements: 1) <u>Exempt</u> from the 24-hour didactic course; and 2) Must complete the case management requirement (minimum of 25 individual patients are each prospectively treated for a minimum of 12 consecutive months).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I graduated from an accredited school/college of optometry prior to May 1, 2000 and have completed the 24-hour didactic course. I began the glaucoma certification process between the dates of 1/1/2001 to 12/31/2009 pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 929 (50 patients for two-years) but did not complete the requirements. Requirements: 1) May apply all patients who have been co-managed prospectively for 12 consecutive months toward the case management requirement. 2) Follow CCR §1571 glaucoma certification process if additional patients are needed to complete the case management requirement.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I graduated from an accredited school/college of optometry prior to May 1, 2000 and have not completed a 24-hour didactic course. Requirements: 1) Must complete the 24-hour didactic course; and 2) Must complete the case management requirement.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I graduated from an accredited school/college of optometry prior to May 1, 2000 and have completed the 24-hour didactic course. Requirements: 1) Must complete the case management requirement.</p>		
<p>If you completed the 24-Hour Didactic Course please fill out the following:</p> <p>School/College of Optometry: _____ Year of Completion: _____</p> <p><small>**Please provide a copy of your certificate of completion with this application. ***If you graduated after May 1, 2000, you are exempt and do not need to fill out this section.</small></p>		



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Method(s) used to complete the case management requirement:

- ☐ **Case Management Course approved by the Board of Optometry on April 11, 2011.**
 (A copy of your certificate of completion for this course must be attached to complete this application. This course may be completed only once for credit towards certification.)
- ☐ **Grand Rounds Program approved by the Board of Optometry on April 11, 2011.**
 (A copy of your certificate of completion for this course must be attached to complete this application. This program may be completed only once for credit towards certification.)
- ☐ **Preceptorship Program effective January 8, 2011.**
 (Please complete and attach the "Documentation of Co-Management of Glaucoma Patients for Preceptorship Program" form to complete this application.)
- ☐ **Applying 25 patients who have been co-managed prospectively for 12 consecutive months pursuant to SB 929, if you began the SB 929 glaucoma certification process between the dates of 1/1/2001 to 12/31/2009.**
 (Please complete and attach the "Documentation of Co-Management of Glaucoma Patients for Preceptorship Program" form. You must use the most current form to complete this application.)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided on this form and the attached documents or other requested proof of completion is true and I understand and agree that any misstatements of material facts may be cause for denial of the glaucoma certificate and disciplinary action by the Board of Optometry.

Optometrist Signature:

Date:

Instructions to Complete the Application for Glaucoma Certification

- Item 1: Enter your first, middle and last name.
- Item 2 : Enter your California optometry license number. Your license must be current and in good standing with the California State Board of Optometry to qualify for glaucoma certification.
- Item 3: Enter the date that you graduated from optometry school or college.
- Item 4: Enter your principal place of practice address, city, state and zip.
- Item 5: Enter your phone number. You may need to be contacted if your application is deficient.
- Item 6: Enter your e-mail address. You may need to be contacted if your application is deficient.
- Item 7: Indicate in which category you are under for glaucoma certification. If you do not fit under any of these typical situations, please contact the Board's Licensing Unit at 916-575-7170 for assistance.
- Item 8: Indicate if you completed the 24-hour Didactic Course, where it was taken and the year of completion. Please provide a copy of your certificate of completion with this application. Although it is not mandatory to include a copy of your certificate of completion, be prepared to provide a copy in the event the Board conducts an audit at a later date. You are also signing the application and certifying under penalty of perjury that what you are claiming on the application is true and correct.
- Item 9: Indicate the method or methods used to complete the case management requirement. The following combinations are possible:
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| 1 | Case Management Course + Grand Rounds Program
15 patient credits + 15 patient credits | = 30 patients |
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| 2 | Case Management Course + Preceptorship Program
15 patient credits + 10 patients co-managed with a preceptor
and prospectively treated for a minimum of
12 consecutive months | = 25 patients |
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| 3 | Grand Rounds Program + Preceptorship Program | = 25 patients |
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| 4 | Preceptorship Program only
25 patients co-managed with a preceptor and prospectively treated
for a minimum of 12 consecutive months | = 25 patients |
| <hr/> | | |
| 5 | Applying 1 to 25 patients who have been co-managed prospectively for at least 12 consecutive months pursuant to Senate Bill 929 between the dates of 1/1/2001 and to 12/31/2009 + Follow CCR § 1571 glaucoma certification process if additional patients are needed to complete the case management requirement | = 25 patients |
- Item 10: Declaration – With your signature, you are declaring that the information you have entered on your application is true and correct. Any misstatements may be grounds to deny your application.

Requirements for Glaucoma Certification:

Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 3041(f)(1)-(5) and California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 1571 list the applicable requirements that a Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agent (TPA) certified optometrist must meet to receive a glaucoma certification:

1. Licensees who graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry on or after May 1, 2008, are exempt from the didactic course and case management requirements, provided they submit proof of graduation from that institution to the Board.”
2. Licensees who graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry prior to May 1, 2000, and who have not completed a didactic course of no less than 24 hours will be required to take the 24-hour course indicated in subsection (a) of CCR section 1571. Licensees who graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry after May 1, 2000, are exempt from the didactic course requirement of CCR section 1571.
3. Licensees who graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry prior to May 1, 2008, and who have taken a didactic course of no less than 24 hours, but not completed the case management requirement under SB 929 (Stats. 2000, ch. 676, § 3), will be required to complete the Case Management Requirement indicated in subsection (a) of CCR section 1571.
4. Licensees who were certified to treat glaucoma pursuant to BPC section 3041(f)(1)-(2) prior to January 1, 2009, must submit proof of completion of that certification program.
5. Licensees who have substantially completed the certification requirements pursuant to BPC section 3041 in effect between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2008, must submit proof of completion of those requirements on or before December 31, 2009. “Substantially completed” means both of the following:
 - (A) Satisfactory completion of a didactic course of no less than 24 hours in the diagnosis, pharmacological and other treatment and management of glaucoma.
 - (B) Treatment of 50 glaucoma patients with a collaborating California-licensed ophthalmologist for a period of two years for each patient that concludes on or before December 31, 2009.
6. Licensees who started the process for certification to treat glaucoma under SB 929 (Stats. 2000, ch. 676, § 3) and did not complete the requirements by December 31, 2009, may apply all patients who have been co-managed prospectively for at least 12 consecutive months towards the Case Management Requirement indicated in subsection (a) of CCR section 1571.
7. For licensees who graduated from an accredited school/college of optometry on or before May 1, 2008, and are not described in 1-6 above, must submit proof of satisfactory completion of the requirements for certification in CCR Section 1571.

Please Note: Licensees that are glaucoma certified pursuant to CCR section 1571 shall be required to complete 10 hours of glaucoma specific continuing optometric education every license renewal period. These 10 hours shall be part of the required 35 hours on the diagnosis, treatment and management of ocular disease (CCR Section 1571 (b)).